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CATALYST AND ELECTROLESS METAL COMPOSITIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, entry and consideration of the following amendments is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTSIn the Specification:

Please delete in its entirety the paragraph on page 2, lines 18 - 22 and replace it with the following paragraph.

A' In one embodiment, the aqueous silver salt solution is at a pH in the range from about 6 to about 9. In one embodiment, the non-conductive surface is contacted with a conditioner prior to contacting with the stannous salt. In one embodiment, the non-conductive surface is modified prior to contacting with the stannous salt, or prior to the conditioning treatment.

Please delete in its entirety the paragraph on page 5, lines 14 - 19 and replace it with the following paragraph.

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